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Dear Mr Lake,

I am very concerned that there are hormones and additives in the food supply. Not feeling good after eating and wondering what caused it. How difficult it is to avoid something that one cannot identify, something that is not listed on the label.

Friends are having attacks (Allergic ?), which send one to the emergency room. Another with irregular and increased heart rates with no clue as to what caused it. Knowing one is allergic to MSG, or whatever, and not having it on the label negates the knowledge. How can we make good choices without knowledge. With so many people allergic to MSG, to now have farmers spraying fruits and vegetables with it. How incredibly stupid and insensitive to the health of people. Why are hormones being given to cows for more milk production, while the US government supports prices with tax money because there is too much milk. There seems to be no idea of the long term effects of the hormones? Is this going to be another long fight like that with the tobacco companies? Must many more people get sick and die because of this situation. Many companies consider nothing but the bottom line. I consider this the same as lying, stealing and killing.

Several years ago, because of health factors, I changed my diet to include many organically produced foods. This resulted in my husband and I feeling better. Now the laws governing organic food listing have been watered down, when they should have been tightened if any change was made. What about your children and grandchildren, is this what you want for them? Many of my friends and relatives are or have been sick and have died of cancers and other horrible diseases. Several of a small group of friends died of brain cancer. These are people under 65, some way under 65. Something is seriously wrong. I am hoping that you will stand up for the people, so we don't go the way of the bald eagles some years ago. Who will work to bring us back?

Sincerely,
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